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(57) Abstract			
<p>The present invention discloses the identification, isolation and cloning of a gene encoding a novel cancer antigen NY ESO-1/CAG-3 and peptides thereof derived from various open reading frames from the NY ESO-1 gene. The novel cancer antigen and peptides are recognized by cytotoxic T lymphocytes in an HLA restricted manner. The products of the gene are promising candidates for immunotherapeutic strategies for the prevention, treatment and diagnosis of patients with cancer.</p>			

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	CHEN Y -T ET AL: "A TESTICULAR ANTIGEN ABERRANTLY EXPRESSED IN HUMAN CANCERS DETECTED BY AUTOLOGOUS ANTIBODY SCREENING" PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USA, vol. 94, March 1997, pages 1914-1918, XP002064909 see figure 3	1-4, 6-13, 15-18, 20,21, 23,28, 29,32-35
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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 4,11-23,32-35,52,58 to completion and 1-3,6-10, 28-31,39-51,53-57,59-69 partially

A cancer peptide comprising seq.ID 4 or portion or derivative thereof, pharmaceutical composition comprising said peptide(s), immunogen comprising one of said peptides, nucleic acids encoding said peptide and portions thereof, expression vector comprising said nucleic acid sequence, host comprising said vector, and method of production of said protein using said host. Also an antibody binding to said protein, a method for detecting the presence of cancer involving assessment of the level of mRNA which encodes said protein, a transgenic animal expressing said protein, a human cytotoxic T-lymphocyte elicited by said protein, and a recombinant virus encoding said protein and optionally an immunostimulatory molecule or a HLA class I molecule, and pharmaceutical compositions of said virus.

2. Claims: 5,24-27,36-38 to completion and 1-3,6-10,28-31, 39-51,53-57,59-69 partially

A cancer peptide comprising seq.ID 5 or portion or derivative thereof, pharmaceutical composition comprising said peptide(s), immunogen comprising one of said peptides, nucleic acids encoding said peptide and portions thereof, expression vector comprising said nucleic acid sequence, host comprising said vector, and method of production of said protein using said host. Also an antibody binding to said protein, a method for detecting the presence of cancer involving assessment of the level of mRNA which encodes said protein, a transgenic animal expressing said protein, a human cytotoxic T-lymphocyte elicited by said protein, and a recombinant virus encoding said protein and optionally an immunostimulatory molecule or a HLA class I molecule, and pharmaceutical compositions of said virus.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

It has been noticed that seq.ID 4 is not a true translation of seq.ID 1 and/or seq.ID 2; the latter nucleic acid sequences comprise the arginine encoding codon AGA at bp positions 214-216 of seq.ID 1, whereas the amino acid sequence described in seq.ID 4 comprises a proline residue at the corresponding amino acid - position 43. The search has been carried out for both possibilities.

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